

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph number [0029] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0029] Referring to drawing FIG. 5, an independent conventional fixed clamp-~~22'~~ 22 is shown having a modified end or foot 23' located on the end thereof. The end or foot 23' may be integrally attached to the conventional fixed clamp 22 or may have an articulated mounting arrangement, such as shown in drawing FIG. 4. In this instance, the modified end or foot 23' is generally semicircular, or arcuate, in configuration so as to engage a large portion of the end 15 of the lead finger 14 surrounding the bonding apparatus 26 during the wire bonding operation to hold the end 15 in position.